

## **Hippie Family Mafia (Abridged):**

I became involved in the late 1990's through environmental groups associated with the California Redwoods eg. and eventually, as a University student, was invited through a friend to Ken Kesey's final halloween party at his home. I later developed a relationship with someone, a roommate, who I later learned was raised in the heart of the Emerald Triangle. She happened to be friends with former Yippies Stew & Judy Albert, personal friends of Abbie Hoffman. (We still had their old couch in our living room, where he had occassionally crashed.) Needing work, and not able to obtain funding to complete my University education (I had been studying to become a Foreign Service Officer,) I went to Humboldt in hopes of finding work, which was plentiful with the right connections. I began networking and met a lot of people in the California entertainment industry (many of whom happen to have substance abuse addictions, and need regular access to narcotics, and are able to afford them.) It is probably best not to make a list of names, but the story holds; suffice to say a who's who list of celebrities, writers, and raconteurs on both coasts. It also led to the History Project, which eventually became The Death of the American Dream & the Bronx Project. I had learned so much about the history of the West Coast & 1960's counter-culture movement I had become probably the leading expert in our community's history (I was actually formally nominated and confirmed as community historian, ca. 2009) and it was time to document this, in the form of a book (and now the very ambitious Bronx Project.) Each answer only led to more questions.

However, there was, or still is a troubling aspect to all this. In spite of the "Peace & Love" message that era is known for, I found it to be racked with violence, backstabbing, and all manner of trouble; so, I went to the source for answers. This became a two decades long research project gathering oral histories, and comparing them to historic records etc. The results are very troubling. However, we did indeed find the answers we were looking for, and just in time.

Government interference (project MHCHAOS, which evolved out of the MKULTRA series of experiments,) was the biggest issue regarding the topic of this community's history. Many people struggle with this aspect of it, and would prefer 'the Brand' remained exactly that, a Brand which can be used to market to a multi-billion dollar industry of healthcare, beauty and lifestyle products. Even, actually especially outsiders, unfamiliar, or least familiar with this history are the most defensive advocates of it's alleged purity of values, innocence, and wholesomeness.

The community as it was, at it's best, no longer exists. Community leaders, those most committed to the founders original values (IWW socialists, labor activists, veterans, health care workers, etc.) were the first to be targeted by Government operations, this is known as Network Disruption. They are known as 'militant supporters of terror groups'. That is the Command & Control (C2) or leadership capacity of the group. Without leadership the group divides into factions, without a unifying ideology. That is combined with allowing more money focused persons to flourish, so long as they maintain an "anti-communist" stance, a National Security Action Memo (NSAM) program; much like similar campaigns in places like Vietnam & Afghanistan. These groups, which were originally interested in communal property ownership, homeschooling, and self-sustaining agriculture evolved into Pro-Government militia groups, with the latent support of the US Intelligence Community. Narcotics producers flourished while activists quietly disappeared, or were murdered.

Those producers, are now being largely side-lined by Government sponsored (Investment bank,) narcotics producing global corporations, such as those in Canada (who's largest shareholders are sitting politicians,) which now grow marijuana in Colombia and sell it in the US as a licensed product. These

same groups are now behind astroturf movements to legalize hallucinogenic mushrooms, LSD, and cocaine, while decriminalizing other drugs like heroin (in Oregon eg. 2023).

America's War on Drugs was never a war on drugs, it was a war on the people, and communities who used them to finance their political activism. Now that the political aspect of it is gone, drugs are being legalized at an alarming rate, the profits of which are going to the same political families who once were the biggest opponents of legalization.

This was really a contest between who gets to control the narcotics market, The Government (and corrupt politicians,) or the people themselves, farming families who turned to marijuana as a cash crop to put their kids through college during recession times. The drugs aren't any less dangerous or harmful now that the Government is selling them, if anything the opposite is true. The Government simply wants to enjoy a monopoly on all political activities in the country, and as always that comes down to who controls the money.

It would be really easy to say that this is the end of it, the story. However, with the sudden, apparent collapse of the Biden administration (2023), those most involved in Plan Colombia (Centro Democrático, Damascus Doctrine, Falsos Positivos, Líderes Sociales) and the Narcotics trade, the fun may only be beginning. The Clinton Family made a shit ton of money importing cocaine into Little Rock through private airstrips, fictionalized in the film 'American Made'; and has open connections to the Uribe dynasty in Colombia, as well as a man named Giustra (and others like the Huckabees.) Foreign Governments are now involved and the plot has only thickened. The US is becoming a NarcoState.

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